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## MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>												
Central Michigan	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0
Eastern Michigan	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	1	0	1.000	W1	0-0	1-0
Northern Illinois	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0
Western Michigan	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0
Ball State	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	1	.000	L1	0-1	0-0
Toledo	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1
<b>EAST DIVISION</b>												
Bowling Green	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0
Buffalo	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0
Ohio	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0
Akron	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1
Kent State	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1
Miami	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1

## MAC Storylines

- Three MAC programs will open their home portion of the 2019 schedule on Saturday, Sept. 7: Kennesaw State at Kent State at Noon ET (ESPN3); UAB at Akron at Noon ET (CBS Sports Network) and Tennessee Tech at Miami at 2:30 pm ET (ESPN+). Ball State will also play its first game at Scheumann Stadium by hosting Fordham at 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3). Technically this marks the second home game for Ball State as last week's 34-24 loss to Indiana at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis was hosted by Ball State.

- Last week MAC program's went 7-5 in 12 contests. First-year head coaches Thomas Hammock (NIU) and Scot Loeffler (Bowling Green) both picked up their first career head coaching win during their head coaching debut. Central Michigan's Jim McElwain picked up his first win as Chippewas head coach and his 45th career coaching victory.

- MAC programs will face opponents from the Big Ten (Michigan State, Penn State, Wisconsin), Big-12 (Kansas State), ACC (Pitt), Pac-12 (Utah), SEC (Kentucky) and Conference USA (UAB) in Week Two. The MAC will also face three FCS opponents.

### MAC TO FACE TOP RANKED NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

The second 2019 Associated Press Top 25 Poll was released on Sept. 3rd and this season the MAC will face 10 of the top 25 ranked teams in the country during non-conference play (AP ranking).

This Saturday, Sept. 7th, the MAC will face four top ranked programs as NIU will travel to No. 13-ranked Utah at 1:00 pm ET/Noon CT (Pac-12 Network), Buffalo will visit No. 15-ranked Penn State at 7:30 pm ET (FOX), Central Michigan will head north to Madison to face No. 17-ranked Wisconsin at 3:30 pm ET (Big Ten Network) and Western Michigan will head to East Lansing to challenge No. 19 ranked Michigan State at 7:30 pm ET (Big Ten Network).

- No. 5 Miami at Ohio State on Sat., Sept. 21 (time TBA)
- No. 8 Bowling Green at Notre Dame on Sat., Oct. 5 at 3:30 pm ET (NBC)
- No. 10 Kent State at Auburn on Sat., Sept. 14 at 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- No. 13 NIU at Utah on Sat., Sept. 7 at 1:00 pm ET/Noon CT (Pac-12 Network)
- No. 15 Buffalo at Penn State on Sat., Sept. 7 at 7:30 pm ET (FOX)
- No. 17 Central Michigan at Wisconsin on Sat., Sept. 7 at 3:30 pm ET (BTN)
- No. 17 Kent State at Wisconsin on Sat., Oct. 5 (TBA) (ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU)
- No. 19 Western Michigan at Michigan St. on Sat., Sept. 7 at 7:30 pm ET (BTN)
- No. 20 Miami at Iowa on Sat., Aug. 31 at 7:30 pm ET; Iowa 38, Miami 14
- No. 21 Western Michigan at Syracuse on Sat., Sept. 21 (time TBA)
- No. 25 NIU at Nebraska on Sat., Sept. 14 at 8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT (FS1)

### MAC CELEBRATES COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The Mid-American Conference will join our FBS brethren in celebrating 150 years of college football this 2019 season and the MAC has created a specific celebration plan to utilize the 150th anniversary date of November 6, 2019 as the MAC will be the only Conference playing a live game on this date. Our MAC specific 150th Anniversary celebration will run in addition to the national 150th platform for all FBS programs.

A 10-person 'MAC-150 Celebration' committee, led by Central Michigan Director of Athletics, Michael Alford, was created in the Spring of 2018 and the MAC's collaborative plan for the 2019 season focuses on inclusion of all 12 MAC football programs, engagement of our fan base, opportunity for engagement with our partners with the primary goal of telling our lengthy and celebrated MAC football story.

On Wednesday, November 6th the MAC will be the only FBS conference playing a live college football game on the 150th anniversary as the Miami RedHawks travel to face the Ohio Bobcats at Peden Stadium in Athens, Ohio on ESPN2.

### This Week's MAC Schedule

#### Saturday, September 7

- Ohio at Pitt, 11:00 am ET (ACC Network)
- Bowling Green at Kansas State, Noon ET (FOX Sports Net)
- Kennesaw at Kent State, Noon ET (ESPN3)
- NIU at No. 13 Utah, 1:00 pm ET/Noon CT (Pac-12 Networks)
- UAB at Akron, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)
- Fordham at Ball State, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
- Tennessee Tech at Miami, 2:30 pm ET (ESPN+)
- Central Michigan at No. 17 Wisconsin, 3:30 pm ET (BTN)
- Eastern Michigan at Kentucky, 7:30 pm ET (SEC Network Alt.)
- Buffalo at No. 15 Penn State, 7:30 pm ET (FOX)
- Western Michigan at No. 19 Michigan St., 7:30 pm ET (BTN)
- Bye: Toledo

#### Saturday, September 14

- Eastern Michigan at Illinois, Noon ET (Big Ten Network)
- Miami at Cincinnati, Noon ET (ESPNU)
- Florida Atlantic at Ball State, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
- \*Akron at Central Michigan, 3:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
- Louisiana Tech at Bowling Green, 5:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
- Buffalo at Liberty, 6:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
- Ohio at Marshall, 6:30 pm ET (Facebook)
- Georgia State at Western Michigan, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
- Kent State at No. 10 Auburn, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2 or ESPNU)
- Murray State at Toledo, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
- NIU at No. 25 Nebraska, 8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT (FS1)

#### Last Week's MAC Games

- Central Michigan 38, Albany 21
- Bowling Green 46, Morgan State 3
- Buffalo 38, Robert Morris 10
- Arizona State 30, Kent State 7
- Illinois 42, Akron 3
- Indiana 34, Ball State 24
- Kentucky 38, Toledo 24
- Ohio 41, Rhode Island 20
- Eastern Michigan 30, Coastal Carolina 23
- NIU 24, Illinois State 10
- Western Michigan 48, Monmouth 13
- No. 20 Iowa 38, Miami 14

**MAC VS. BIG TEN OPPONENTS**

This week the MAC will face three more Big Ten opponents -- Michigan State, Penn State and Wisconsin. The MAC has won a regular season game vs. Big Ten opponents in each of the last 13 consecutive seasons (2006-2018), the longest streak in MAC history. Last year the MAC had three wins at Big Ten opponents as Buffalo (42-13 win at Rutgers on Sept. 22, 2018), Akron (39-34 win at Northwestern on Sept. 15, 2018) and Eastern Michigan (20-19 win at Purdue on Sept. 8, 2018) contributed toward extending the streak.

During this 13-year stretch, **MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten programs**—Illinois (3); Indiana (5); Iowa (3); Maryland (1); Michigan (1); Michigan State (1); Minnesota (2); Nebraska (1); Northwestern (3); Penn State (1); Purdue (6) and Rutgers (2) for a total of 29 wins during this stretch.

Miami (13), Bowling Green (8), Toledo (6), Central Michigan (6) and Northern Illinois (6) have the most wins vs. Big Ten opponents.

**SOLICH THIRD LONGEST ACTIVE FBS HEAD COACH**

Ohio head football coach Frank Solich is entering his 15th season at the helm of the Ohio Bobcat football program and currently ranks tied for third among active FBS head coaches as the longest tenured FBS current head coaches.

Only Kirk Ferentz of Iowa (1999-2019 -- 21st season), Gary Patterson of TCU (2000-19 -- 19th season) and Kyle Whittington of Utah (2004-19 -- 15th season) join Solich on this list. Solich and Whittingham are tied for third, however Whittingham (12/9/04) was hired eight days earlier than Solich (12/17/04). Solich and his Bobcats opened the season with a 41-20 win over Rhode Island on Aug. 31 and will travel to Pitt on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 11:00 am ET (ACC Network).

**OHIO'S SOLICH THIRD ON MAC CAREER WINS LIST**

Ohio head coach Frank Solich and his Bobcats finished 2018 with an 9-4 overall record and a second-place finish in the East Division, including a 27-0 shutout victory over San Diego State in the DXL Frisco Bowl on Dec. 19, 2018, for the first-ever MAC shutout in a bowl game in league history. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 107 wins, which ranks third most in MAC history. **Solich needs four wins to become the all-time winningest coach in MAC history.**

Solich has been the model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens in 2005 and is entering his 15th season running the Bobcats program. Solich and the Bobcats have garnered a bowl appearance in nine of the last 10 seasons and 10 of his 14 seasons at Ohio. Solich has a 107-75 career coaching record at Ohio.

**Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career**

1. 110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93
2. 108, Bill Hess, Ohio, 1958-77
3. **107, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present**
4. 79, Bob Pruett, Marshall, 1997-03
5. 77, Doyt Perry, Bowling Green, 1955-64

**KENT STATE'S LEWIS IS YOUNGEST FBS HEAD COACH**

For the second consecutive year, Kent State's Sean Lewis, 33, is the youngest head coach in NCAA Division I (FBS). Lewis is entering his second year at the helm of the Golden Flashes with a 2-11 overall record as head coach. Also on this list are both NIU head coach Thomas Hammock and Akron's Tom Arth at age 38. Ironically, Ohio's Frank Solich has the most life experience among active FBS head coaches at the age of 74 (9-8-44).

**Coach, School, Age (Date of Birth)**

<b>Sean Lewis, Kent State</b>	<b>33 (4-11-86)</b>
Jake Spavital, Texas State	34 (5-1-85)
Will Healy, Charlotte	34 (1-16-85)
Walt Bell, UMass	35 (6-7-84)
Lincoln Riley, Oklahoma	35 (9-5-83)
Elijah Drinkwitz, App State	36 (4-12-83)
Mike Norvell, Memphis	37 (10-11-81)
<b>Thomas Hammock, NIU</b>	<b>38 (7-7-81)</b>
<b>Tom Arth, Akron</b>	<b>38 (5-11-81)</b>

**MAC 2018 SEASON RECAP**

- Northern Illinois won the 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a thrilling 30-29 win over Buffalo on Nov. 30. The win was NIU's first championship since 2014 and the fifth championship in program history (2018, 2014, 2012, 2011, 1983). The Huskies have been a model of consistency in winning as NIU has won the MAC West Division seven times in the last nine years and the Huskies have been bowl eligible in 10 of the last 11 years.

- Six MAC programs received bowl invitations in the 2018 bowl season -- Northern Illinois (8-6), Buffalo (10-4), Ohio (9-4), Toledo (7-6), Western Michigan (7-6) and Eastern Michigan (7-6). The MAC record for bowl invitations in a single-season is seven in both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons. Miami (6-6) was one of four FBS teams to not receive a bowl invitation.

- Northern Illinois (Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl), Buffalo (Dollar General Bowl), Ohio (DXL Frisco Bowl), Toledo (Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl), Western Michigan (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl) and Eastern Michigan (Raycom Media Camellia Bowl) represented the MAC during the 2018 bowl season.

- This marked the 11th time in MAC history to have five or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018) in a single-season.

- In the previous eight bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 13-33 in 46 bowl games – 2018 (1-5); 2017 (1-4); 2016 (0-6); 2015 (3-4); 2014 (2-3); 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1) as all 12 MAC programs have appeared in a bowl game during this span (2011-18).

- Buffalo (10-4, 7-1 MAC) won the MAC East Division for the first time since 2008. Buffalo's 10 wins were the most since moving to FBS and joining the MAC in 1999. Buffalo was also bowl eligible for the second consecutive year. The Bulls made their third overall bowl appearance in program history.

- Over the last three seasons, the MAC had six different programs participate in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. In 2016 Western Michigan defeated Ohio, 29-23, while 2017 witnessed Toledo with a 45-28 win over Akron and last year NIU defeated Buffalo, 30-29.

- In 2018, the MAC had eight FBS wins, including three wins over Big Ten opponents (Northwestern, Purdue and Rutgers).

- In MAC crossover games in 2018, the East and West Divisions tied 9-9 in 18 games. Over the previous 11 years (2008-2018), the MAC West has had the upper hand in crossover regular season games against the MAC East, winning the head-to-head regular season series in nine of the last 11 years. The West holds a 129-69 (.652%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.

**MAC 2018 BOWL RESULTS**

- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.) Georgia Southern 23, Eastern Michigan 21
- Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.) UAB 37, NIU 13
- DXL Frisco Bowl (Frisco, Texas) Ohio 27, San Diego State 0
- Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas) FIU 35, Toledo 32
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.) BYU 49, Western Michigan 18
- Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.) Troy 42, Buffalo 32



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**MAC WITH FOUR NEW HEAD COACHES FOR 2019**

The MAC welcome's four new coaches for the 2019 season.

**Tom Arth-Akron:** Arth was named the 28th head coach at Akron and just the sixth head coach since moving up to Division I in 1987. Arth takes the reins at Akron after two seasons at Tennessee-Chattanooga. In four seasons at John Carroll University, his alma mater, Arth owned a 40-8 overall record while guiding the Blue Streaks to three postseason appearances, highlighted by road victories over two No. 1 ranked opponents in Mount Union and Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Arth was the 2016 Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and guided John Carroll to the NCAA Division III Playoffs in three of his four years. The program finished in the top 25 every season including top-five finishes in 2016 (No. 3) and 2014 (No. 5). John Carroll won the league's automatic bid for the first time in school history in 2016, breaking Mount Union's run of 24 consecutive OAC titles, as they finished ranked No. 3 in the country with a 12-2 record.

Arth graduated from John Carroll in 2003 and was a two-time All-American quarterback where he set 18 school records. As a senior in 2002, he guided JCU to a 12-2 record, and East region championship, and a berth in to the NCAA Division III national semifinals for the first time in program history. Arth spent three seasons (2003-05) as a backup quarterback to Peyton Manning with the Indianapolis Colts.

**Thomas Hammock-NIU:** Hammock, a former Huskie player and assistant coach, returns to DeKalb as the 23rd head coach in the history of the NIU football program. Hammock joins NIU after spending the last five seasons as an assistant coach with the Baltimore Ravens and is the first African-American head coach in NIU football history.

Hammock began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Wisconsin, followed by two seasons as an assistant at NIU under Huskie Hall of Famer Joe Novak (2005-06). Hammock then served stints as an assistant coach at Minnesota and Wisconsin before joining the Baltimore Ravens organization for the 2014 season. In five seasons as the running backs coach he helped Baltimore's rushing attack finish in the top 11 in the NFL three times, including last season when the Ravens had the second-best rushing offense in the NFL (152.6 ypg).

As a player, Hammock gained 2,432 rushing yards in his NIU career (1999-2002), which still ranks 13th all-time in Huskie history. He was a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American (2000, '01) and a two-time First Team All-MAC honoree (2000, '01).

**Scot Loeffler-Bowling Green:** Loeffler was named the 20th head coach of the Bowling Green program and joins the Falcons after serving as Deputy Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator at Boston College. His coaching career includes stops at Michigan State, Michigan, Central Michigan, Florida, Temple, Auburn, Virginia Tech, Boston College and one year with the Detroit Lions.

Loeffler has coached seven quarterbacks who went on to play in the NFL – Tom Brady, Tim Tebow, Brian Griese, Chad Henne, Drew Henson, John Navarre and Logan Thomas. Loeffler's teams have played in 15 bowl games in the past 16 seasons he has been a college coach. Loeffler has familiarity with the MAC as he was Central Michigan's quarterbacks coach from 2000-01. He was a graduate assistant and student assistant at Michigan and was part of the undefeated national championship season in 1997. A native of Barberton, Ohio, he played quarterback at Michigan from 1993-96.

**Jim McElwain-Central Michigan:** McElwain was named the 29th head coach at Central Michigan and brings nearly 30 years of college coaching experience to Mt. Pleasant. McElwain was named the 2015 SEC Coach of the Year as he led Florida to 19 wins and back-to-back SEC East titles during his first two seasons, and he became the first head coach in the SEC to reach the SEC Championship Game in his first two seasons as head coach. McElwain led Colorado State to a 10-2 record in 2014 and was named Mountain West Coach of the Year.

A native of Montana, he played quarterback in the early 1980s at Eastern Washington and got his coaching start at that school as a graduate assistant and later working with quarterbacks and wide receivers.

**MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES**

In the last eight bowl seasons, every MAC football program has received a bowl invitation. Leading the way are Northern Illinois, Ohio and Toledo with bowl invitations in seven of the last eight bowl seasons.

**2011-18 MAC Programs and Years Invited to Bowl Games**

Northern Illinois (7):	2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015; 2017; 2018
Ohio (7):	2011; 2012; 2013; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018
Toledo (7):	2011; 2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018
Central Michigan (5):	2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017
Western Michigan (5):	2011; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2018
Bowling Green (4):	2012; 2013; 2014; 2015
Akron (2):	2015; 2017
Ball State (2):	2012; 2013
Buffalo (2):	2013; 2018
Eastern Michigan (2):	2016; 2018
Kent State (1):	2012
Miami (1):	2016
former: Temple (1):	2011

**Year: MAC Programs Invited to Bowl Games**

**2011:** Northern Illinois; Ohio; Toledo; Western Michigan; Temple  
**2012:** Northern Illinois; Kent State; Ohio; Bowling Green; Ball State; Central Michigan; Toledo  
**2013:** Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Ball State; Ohio; Buffalo  
**2014:** Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Toledo; Central Michigan; Western Michigan  
**2015:** Bowling Green; Northern Illinois; Toledo; Western Michigan; Central Michigan; Ohio; Akron  
**2016:** Western Michigan, Ohio, Toledo, Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, Miami  
**2017:** Toledo, Akron, Ohio, Central Michigan; Northern Illinois.  
**2018:** Northern Illinois, Buffalo, Ohio, Toledo, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan

**MAC NON-CONFERENCE WINS**

Last season the MAC finished the regular season with eight FBS non-conference wins over Purdue, Northwestern and Rutgers from the Big Ten Conference; Temple (American Athletic Conference); Nevada (Mountain West); Georgia State (Sun Belt Conference) and independent BYU and UMass.

In 2017, the MAC concluded its non-conference regular season schedule with 14 FBS wins, which tied for second most for the MAC since 2000. The most non-conference regular season wins by the MAC in a single year is 16 FBS wins in 2012, while the 14 FBS wins during the 2017 season matched the total from 2008. In 2017, the MAC had four 'Autonomous Conference' wins over Nebraska and Rutgers (Big Ten) and Kansas twice (Big 12).

**ROURKE CONTINUES TO LEAD OHIO OFFENSE**

Ohio quarterback Nathan Rourke had another impressive season under center in leading the Ohio Bobcats to a 9-4 overall record, including a second-place finish in the MAC East Division. Rourke led the Bobcats to the first-ever MAC shutout in a bowl game with a commanding 27-0 win over San Diego State in the DXL Frisco Bowl to finish the 2018 season on a high note. Last year, Rourke continued his dual threat role within the Bobcat offense with 860 yards rushing and led the MAC with 15 rushing touchdowns on the ground, while passing for 2,434 yards and 23 touchdowns on 164-274 passing (59.9%) for 187.2 yards passing per game.

Rourke continued to spark the Ohio offensive engine as last year Ohio's offense led the MAC in rushing offense with 258.3 yards per game, total offense with 466.8 yards per game and pass efficiency with a 154.2 rating, and also ranked second in the MAC in scoring with 40.1 points per game. Rourke's 38 total touchdowns last season, 23 passing and 15 rushing, was tied for 16th best in a single-season in MAC history and he already has 36 career rushing touchdowns, which ranks tied for 22nd best in MAC history. Rourke is also accurate in the passing game as his 18-20 passing (90.0%) performance in a 27-26 win over Kent State is tied for 10th best single-game pass completion percentage in league history.

### MAC VS BIG TEN OPPONENTS

With Buffalo's 42-13 win at Rutgers on Sept. 22, 2018, Akron's 39-34 win at Northwestern on Sept. 15, 2018 and Eastern Michigan's 20-19 win at Purdue on Sept. 8, 2018, the MAC extended its streak of a regular season win vs. Big Ten opponents in each of the last 13 consecutive seasons (2006-2018), the longest streak in MAC history.

During this 13-year stretch, **MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten teams**—Illinois (3); Indiana (5); Iowa (3); Maryland (1); Michigan (1); Michigan State (1); Minnesota (2); Nebraska (1); Northwestern (3); Penn State (1), Purdue (6) and Rutgers (2) for a total of 29 wins during this span of time.

2006: Ohio beat Illinois

2007: BGSU beat Minnesota; WMU defeated Iowa

2008: WMU beat Illinois; CMU beat Indiana; Toledo beat Michigan; Ball State beat Indiana

2009: NIU beat Purdue; Central Michigan beat Michigan State

2010: Toledo beat Purdue; NIU beat Minnesota

2011: Ball State beat Indiana

2012: Ohio beat Penn St.; Ball State beat Indiana; CMU beat Iowa

2013: NIU beat Purdue; NIU beat Iowa

2014: BGSU beat Indiana; NIU beat NW; CMU beat Purdue

2015: BGSU beat Maryland and Purdue

2016: WMU beat Northwestern and Illinois

2017: NIU beat Nebraska; Eastern Michigan beat Rutgers

2018: EMU beat Purdue; Akron beat Northwestern; Buffalo beat Rutgers

### OHIO'S ZERVOS ONE OF MAC'S MOST ACCURATE

Ohio senior Louie Zervos has been a key figure in the success of the Ohio Bobcats during the last three seasons. Zervos has converted 59-72 career field goal attempts for an 81.9% percentage with ranks fifth best in MAC history. Last season, Zervos converted 13-17 field goals and was perfect on all 68 PATs as he ranked second in the MAC in scoring with 107 total points.

Zervos, a native of Tarpon Springs, Fla., has 346 career points, which ranks 9th best in MAC scoring history and his 59 career field goals is tied for 10th best in league history. Zervos already holds the MAC record with 29 field goals made set during his freshman season in 2016 when he connected on 29-of-35 field goal attempts for 122 total points. Zervos is aiming to top Toledo's Jameson Vest, who last year netted 109 points for a career total of 446 career points, which ranks second all-time in scoring in MAC history and ranks first among MAC kickers in career scoring.

### KENT STATE'S EDELMAN NAMED SUPER BOWL MVP

Former Kent State quarterback Julian Edelman was named Super Bowl MVP as part of the winning New England Patriots in a 13-3 win over the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LIII on Feb. 3, 2019 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. Edelman finished with a game high 10 receptions for 141 yards.

Edelman, a nine-year NFL veteran with the Patriots, won his third Super Bowl as a member of the New England Patriots and became the first former MAC student athlete to be named NFL Super Bowl MVP. He also became only the seventh wide receiver in NFL history to be named Super Bowl MVP.

The victory came over the Los Angeles Rams, who are led by head coach Sean McVay, who played wide receiver for the Miami Red-Hawks from 2004-07, earning the team's Scholar Athlete Award in 2007. Prior to joining the Rams, McVay was the offensive coordinator for the Washington Redskins from 2014-16.

### NIU WINS 2018 MARATHON MAC CHAMPIONSHIP

Trailing by as many as 19 points late in the third quarter, Northern Illinois rallied to win the Marathon MAC Football Championship game over Buffalo, 30-29. NIU took its first lead of the game with 1:09 to play as the Huskies captured their fourth MAC title in eight seasons. NIU scored the final 20 points of the game, culminating in a 35-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Marcus Childers to wide receiver D.J. Brown as the Huskies completed the comeback.

### YOUNG MAC RUNNING BACKS IMPACTING OFFENSES

A steady influx of young running backs had a dramatic impact during the 2018 season and should only continue its trend during the 2019 campaign. Last season as freshman running backs, Buffalo's Jaret Patterson and Toledo's Bryant Koback led their teams in rushing, while NIU sophomore running back Tre Harbison and Bowling Green sophomore Andrew Clair also led their teams in rushing. All four are returning this 2019 campaign and will be joined by Western Michigan's LeVante Bellamy in aiming for the league's rushing title in 2019.

Patterson was named All-MAC Second Team and was named MAC Freshman of the Year as he led Buffalo and ranked fourth in the MAC with 1,013 yards rushing (5.5 avg.) and ranked second in the MAC with 14 rushing touchdowns last season. Buffalo's rushing offense ranked fourth in the MAC with an average of 189.1 yards rushing per game.

Koback led the Rockets and ranked fifth in the MAC with 917 yards rushing and tied for second with 14 rushing touchdowns. Koback averaged 70.5 yards rushing per game as he helped Toledo to a 7-6 overall record and an invitation to the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl.

Harbison was named All-MAC Second Team last season as he paced the Huskie rushing attack with 1,034 yards rushing, which ranked third in the MAC, and added five rushing touchdowns. Harbison carried the load down the stretch as NIU claimed the Marathon MAC Football Championship and earned an invitation to the Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl.

Clair was named All-MAC Third Team last season as he led Bowling Green with 702 yards rushing (5.2 avg.) and five rushing touchdowns. Clair averaged 63.8 yards rushing per game.

Bellamy was named All-MAC First Team as he led the Broncos and ranked second in the MAC with 1,228 yards (6.0 avg.) and six touchdowns as he averaged 94.5 yards rushing per game in 2018. Bellamy and the Broncos rushing attack ranked third in the MAC with an average of 199.5 yards rushing per game as Western Michigan received an invite to the 2018 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

### MAC 2019 BOWL PARTNERS

- College Football Playoff Host Bowl (Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic)
- Mobile Alabama Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. American Athletic Conference or Conference USA)
- Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. C-USA)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)
- Secondary to ESPN owned and operated bowl games

### MAC PARTNERS WITH ESPN EVENTS WITH FOUR ANNUAL BOWL GAMES DURING 2020-25 BOWL CYCLE

The MAC will participate in four ESPN Events bowl games during the next cycle from 2020-25. The MAC will anchor two bowl games with the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl in Nassau, Bahamas and the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl in Boise, Idaho for each of the next six seasons (2020-25). **This will increase the MAC guaranteed bowl games to six beginning with the 2020 bowl season.**

During the next bowl cycle, the MAC will also participate in a minimum of two (2) additional bowl games annually among the following games: Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.), Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.), Cure Bowl (Orlando, Fla.), Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl (Frisco, Texas), Myrtle Beach Bowl (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) and the New Mexico Bowl (Albuquerque, N.M.).

All the bowl games will be televised nationally on ESPN networks and will feature opponents from the American Athletic Conference, Mountain West Conference, Conference USA and the Sun Belt Conference.

**MAC 2019 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS**

The 2019 football schedule will feature 14 nationally televised games during the last month of the regular season on ESPN2, ESPN+, ESPN3 and CBS Sports Network as the Conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions.

The regular season will conclude with the 23rd Marathon MAC Football Championship game on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Noon ET (ESPN or ESPN2) from Ford Field in Detroit. This will mark the 16th Marathon MAC Football Championship game at Ford Field.

For the 12th year in a row, league schools will face a formidable non-conference slate of opponents from the following Football Bowl Subdivision conferences – ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12, SEC, Notre Dame and BYU. In addition, the Conference will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference, Conference USA, Mountain West Conference, Sun Belt Conference and Independents Liberty, New Mexico State and UMass.

A total of 10 non-conference games will feature a Big Ten opponent (Illinois (2); Indiana; Iowa; Michigan State; Nebraska; Ohio State; Penn State; Wisconsin (2)). The MAC will face foes from the ACC (4—Miami (Fla.), North Carolina State, Pitt, Syracuse), SEC (4—Auburn, Kentucky (2), Vanderbilt), Pac-12 (2—Arizona State, Utah), Big 12 (1—Kansas State); and Independent Notre Dame, BYU, Liberty, New Mexico State and UMass.

The MAC will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference (2— Cincinnati, Temple), Mountain West (1—Colorado State), Conference USA (4—Florida Atlantic, La. Tech, Marshall, UAB) and Sun Belt Conference (4—Coastal Carolina, Georgia State, Louisiana-Lafayette, Troy). This season the MAC will host 10 games against FBS non-conference opponents.

**NINE MAC STUDENTS PICKED IN 2019 NFL DRAFT**

The MAC had nine draft selections in the 2019 NFL Draft. Central Michigan DB Sean Bunting was selected by Tampa Bay in the second round, 39th overall, while NIU OT Max Scharping was picked by Houston in the second round, 55th overall. The nine MAC players selected were the most since the 2017 NFL Draft when 11 MAC players were selected. The MAC modern record for number of selections in an NFL Draft is 11 draft selections from both the 2017 and 2005 NFL Draft.

In recent years the MAC had students selected among the top five overall in the NFL Draft. In the last seven years (2013-19), three MAC players were selected in the top five in the NFL Drafts.

In the 2017 NFL Draft, Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis was selected as the fifth overall selection in the first round by the Tennessee Titans. Davis' selection was the highest ever for Western Michigan and tied the second-highest in MAC history.

In 2014, Buffalo Bulls linebacker Khalil Mack was the fifth overall selection by the Oakland Raiders in the 2014 NFL Draft. Mack's selection was the highest ever for the Buffalo program and the second-highest ever selection for a MAC student-athlete.

In 2013, Central Michigan offensive tackle Eric Fisher became the first MAC football player to be selected as the overall No. 1 selection in the NFL Draft. Kansas City selected Fisher as No.1 choice in the 2013 NFL Draft. The previous highest player drafted from the MAC was Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich, who was selected No. 7 overall by Jacksonville in the 2003 NFL Draft.

**MAC Students Selected In 2019 NFL Draft: (9)**

2nd (39) DB Sean Bunting (Central Michigan) by Tampa Bay  
2nd (55) OT Max Scharping (Northern Illinois) by Houston  
3rd (66) WR Dontae Johnson (Toledo) by Pittsburgh  
4th (106) DE Maxx Crosby (Eastern Michigan) by Oakland  
6th (175) DE Sutton Smith (Northern Illinois) by Pittsburgh  
6th (185) DB Ka'dar Hollman (Toledo) by Green Bay  
6th (195) DB Xavier Crawford (Central Michigan) by Houston  
6th (207) LB Ulysees Gilbert (Akron) by Pittsburgh  
6th (208) WR Scott Miller (Bowling Green) by Tampa Bay

**WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS**

In 2018 the MAC earned eight non-conference FBS wins. The MAC set the Conference single-season record with 16 wins over FBS opponents during the 2012 season, and also posted 14 wins in both the 2008 and 2016 seasons.

**Regular Season Wins vs. non-conference FBS opponents:****Year: Wins: FBS Opponents Defeated:**

**2019:** 1; Coastal Carolina  
**2018:** 8; Purdue, Northwestern, Rutgers, Temple, Nevada, BYU, UMass, Georgia State.  
**2017:** 11; Nebraska, Rutgers, Kansas (2); Charlotte, UAB; Nevada; Tulsa; Idaho; Florida Atlantic; UMass.  
**2016:** 14; Northwestern, Arkansas State, Georgia State, Oklahoma State, Kansas, Illinois, Fresno State, UNLV, Marshall, Charlotte, Army, Florida Atlantic, Georgia Southern, Wyoming.  
**2015:** 12; Arkansas; Maryland; Iowa State; Purdue; FAU; Marshall; Wyoming; UNLV; Idaho; Arkansas State; Louisiana; FIU  
**2014:** 8; Purdue; Northwestern; Indiana; Idaho (2); UNLV, Pitt, Army  
**2013:** 10; Iowa; Purdue; Virginia; UConn; Tulsa; Marshall; Army; North Texas; Idaho; Navy  
**2012:** 16; Penn State; Wyoming; Idaho; New Mexico St.; Army (4); UConn; Marshall; Indiana; Iowa; South Florida; Kansas; Cincinnati; Rutgers  
**2011:** 10; Indiana; Army (4); UConn; Idaho; New Mexico State; Marshall; Maryland  
**2010:** 7; Minnesota; Purdue; Marshall; Colorado State; UConn; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette  
**2009:** 9; Michigan State; Purdue; Colorado; Florida International; Troy; UTEP; North Texas; Army; Navy  
**2008:** 14; Navy; Indiana (2); Western Kentucky; Michigan; Idaho; Illinois; Syracuse; Army (3); Pittsburgh; Wyoming; UTEP  
**2007:** 10; Navy; Army (2); Idaho; Iowa State (2); Iowa; Minnesota; Syracuse; La-Lafayette  
**2006:** 11; Temple (5); Kansas; Virginia; North Carolina State; North Texas; FIU; Illinois  
**2005:** 9; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette; Temple (4); Pittsburgh; Middle Tennessee State; Cincinnati  
**2004:** 3; Temple (2); Kentucky  
**2003:** 9; Kansas State; Northwestern; Colorado State; Cincinnati; Purdue; Maryland; Alabama; Iowa State; Pittsburgh  
**2002:** 10; Rutgers; Troy; North Carolina; Cincinnati; UConn; Missouri; Kansas; Wyoming; Wake Forest; UNLV  
**2001:** 11; UConn (2); Army; Cincinnati; Missouri; Temple (2); Minnesota; Northwestern; South Florida; Navy  
**2000:** 9; Central Florida (2); Vanderbilt; Minnesota; UConn (2); Navy; Penn State; Iowa

**MAC HEAD COACHES IN HIGH DEMAND**

Football programs continue to take notice of MAC head coaches. There are 10 former head coaches from the MAC in a current FBS head coaching position—and three of the last five National Champions are former MAC head football coaches – 2015 and 2017 Alabama's Nick Saban (Toledo) and 2014 Ohio State's Urban Meyer (Bowling Green).

**For the 2019 season, 22 of the 131 FBS coaches (16.8%) will be either current or former MAC head coaches.** The 22 current FBS coaches include the current 12 MAC head football coaches and 10 former MAC head football coaches.

**ACC** – Steve Addazio-Boston College (Temple), Dave Doeren-NC State (Northern Illinois), Dave Clawson-Wake Forest (Bowling Green), Dino Babers-Syracuse (Bowling Green).  
**American** - Rod Carey - Temple (Northern Illinois).  
**Big Ten** – P.J. Fleck-Minnesota (Western Michigan).  
**Big 12** – Matt Campbell-Iowa State (Toledo).  
**Ind.** – Brian Kelly-Notre Dame (Central Michigan).  
**SEC**-Nick Saban-Alabama (Toledo).  
**Sun Belt** – Doug Martin-New Mexico State (Kent State).

### **MAC CELEBRATES COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY THIS 2019 SEASON**

The MAC will join our FBS brethren in celebrating 150 years of college football this 2019 season and the MAC has created a specific celebration plan to utilize the 150th anniversary date of November 6, 2019 as the MAC will be the only Conference playing a live game on this date.

A 10-person 'MAC-150 Celebration' committee, led by Central Michigan Director of Athletics, Michael Alford, was created in the Spring of 2018 and our collaborative plan this season focuses on inclusion of all 12 MAC programs, engagement of our fan base, opportunity for engagement with our partners with the primary goal of telling our lengthy and celebrated MAC football story.

- On Wednesday, November 6th the MAC will be the only FBS conference playing a live college football game on the 150th anniversary as the Miami RedHawks travel to face the Ohio Bobcats at Peden Stadium in Athens, Ohio on ESPN2. The MAC is working with ESPN to utilize our ESPN2 game production to have former MAC coaches and students participate in the broadcast to highlight our legendary college football history and the continued impact of our coaches and students on the game of football today.

- The MAC will participate in the National College Football 150 uniform patch program for the entire 2019 season. The patches will be one color (silver metallic), 3.5 x 1.7 inches and will be placed on the right, front chest of the jersey above the MAC logo.

- Each week during the 2019 season the MAC will highlight one MAC football program where we will highlight each institution and the relevant data gathered during the spring/summer to highlight teams, games, moments, coaches, student-athletes via MAC social media accounts and video content.

- Week 1 (Aug. 26th) Ball State University
- Week 2 (Sept. 2nd) University of Akron
- Week 3 (Sept. 9th) Bowling Green State University
- Week 4 (Sept. 16th) Eastern Michigan University
- Week 5 (Sept. 23rd) University of Toledo
- Week 6 (Sept. 30th) University at Buffalo
- Week 7 (Oct. 7th) Western Michigan University
- Week 8 (Oct. 14th) Ohio University
- Week 9 (Oct. 21st) Kent State University
- Week 10 (Oct. 28th) Central Michigan University
- Week 11 (Nov. 4th) CFB150th Anniversary – Nov. 6, 2019
- Week 12 (Nov. 11th) Northern Illinois University
- Week 13 (Nov. 18th) Miami University

### **MAC SIGNS CONTRACT AS PRIMARY PARTNER WITH THE NOVA HOME LOANS ARIZONA BOWL IN 2020-25**

The MAC announced on July 23, 2019 a primary bowl partnership with the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl for a six-year period beginning with the 2020-25 cycle. The annual bowl game from Arizona Stadium on the campus of the University of Arizona in Tucson will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Network.

The NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl partnership will increase the MAC's primary bowl partnerships to a guaranteed six games during the next bowl cycle beginning in 2020. The MAC will face a member of the Mountain West Conference. Created in 2015, the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl annually donates 100 percent of its net proceeds to charitable organizations.

### **MAC ASSISTS WITH THE CREATION OF THE MYRTLE BEACH BOWL TO BEGIN IN 2020 BOWL SEASON**

The MAC announced last November the creation of a newly created bowl game in Myrtle Beach, S.C. for a six-year period (2020-2025), which will be owned and operated by ESPN. The Myrtle Beach Bowl will be televised nationally on ESPN networks and will be played at Brooks Stadium, an open-air stadium opened in 2003 which seats nearly 21,000 fans on the campus of Coastal Carolina University. The creation of the Myrtle Beach Bowl is an agreement with ESPN Events and the MAC, Conference USA and the Sun Belt Conference, with each participating in the bowl game four times during the six-year span.

### **MAC TO FACE BIG TEN AS PRIMARY BOWL PARTNER IN QUICK LANE BOWL IN 2020**

This past June, the Mid-American Conference, the Big Ten Conference and the Detroit Lions announced a six-year agreement (2020-2025) as primary partners of the Quick Lane Bowl played annually at Ford Field. Beginning in 2020, the MAC will return as a primary bowl partner of the annual bowl game played in Detroit. Since the start of the Quick Lane Bowl in 2014, MAC programs have been featured in two of the first five Quick Lane Bowls – Central Michigan in 2015 and Northern Illinois in 2017.

The MAC has a long association with Detroit and Ford Field as the MAC has held its Marathon MAC Football Championship Game as a neutral site championship event at Ford Field since 2004. Also, the MAC played the first-ever college football game at Ford Field as Toledo faced Boston College in the 2002 Motor City Bowl. Previously the MAC was a primary bowl partner with the Detroit-based Motor City Bowl (1997-2008) and the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl (2009-2013).

### **MAC COMMISSIONER DR. JON STEINBRECHER ELECTED VICE CHAIR NCAA DI COUNCIL**

Mid-American Conference commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher has been elected vice chair of the NCAA Division I Council. In his role as vice chair, Steinbrecher will serve as a key member of the Division I Council Coordination Committee, which conducts the business of the full Council between regular meetings. In the absence of the Council chair, Steinbrecher is responsible for leading both full Council and Council Coordination Committee meetings and teleconferences. He will also support the Council chair and handle any other responsibilities as requested by the Council chair or full Council.

The Council is comprised of representatives from all 32 Division I conferences and serves as the primary policy-making body for Division I and is responsible for the day-to-day decision making for the Division. Steinbrecher becomes the first commissioner to serve in a Council leadership position.

Steinbrecher is entering his 11th season as MAC Commissioner and is the only Division I Commissioner to have served at all three NCAA Division I Subdivisions (FBS, FCS, DI). Steinbrecher has recently orchestrated the development of a MAC Mental Health, Diversity & Inclusion and Academic Consortium programs.

Steinbrecher previously served on the NCAA Football Oversight Committee and the NCAA Football Competition Committee. Steinbrecher currently serves on the NCAA Transfer Working Group. Steinbrecher was also appointed to USA Football's Developmental Model Council this past February.

### **STEINBRECHER NAMED TO USA FOOTBALL'S DEVELOPMENT MODEL COUNCIL**

USA Football, the national governing body for football and a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee, announced last February the formation of its Football Development Model Council to guide the formation of the first national application of a long-term athlete development model for the sport.

USA Football announced its 20-person council, which includes MAC Commissioner, Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher as one of two collegiate administrators, as the council is led by Dr. Brian Hainline, the NCA's Chief Medical Officer. The council is comprised of leaders across sports science, athletic development, youth, high school and college football.

Aligned with the U.S. Olympic Committee's American Development Model, the Football Development Model (FDM) centers on physical literacy and developmentally appropriate skill instruction. The FDM serves as a framework for how football is presented, practiced and coached from youth through adulthood, spanning varying game types and options.

**MAC MEDIA 2019 FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL**

Earlier this summer members of the media selected Ohio and Toledo to win the East and West Divisions respectfully in the 2019 MAC Football Media Preseason Poll. Ohio was selected to win the 2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game.

In the East Division, Ohio was selected first with a league-best and unanimous 144 total points. Following the Bobcats, the Miami RedHawks finished second with 107 points, while defending MAC East Champion Buffalo Bulls finished third with 100 points. Kent State finished fourth with 62 points, followed by Akron and Bowling Green.

In the West Division, Toledo was selected first in the Division with 127 total points. Following the Rockets, Western Michigan finished second with 112 points, while defending MAC Champion NIU was third with 103 points. Eastern Michigan ranked fourth with 83 points, followed by Ball State and Central Michigan.

**2019 MAC MEDIA Football Preseason Poll****MAC East Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Ohio (24)	144
2. Miami	107
3. Buffalo	100
4. Kent State	62
5. Akron	54
6. Bowling Green	37

**MAC West Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Toledo (15)	127
2. Western Michigan (5)	112
3. Northern Illinois (3)	103
4. Eastern Michigan	83
5. Ball State	43
6. Central Michigan (1)	36

**MAC FOOTBALL COACHES 2019 PRESEASON POLL**

MAC Head Football Coaches have provided their own 2019 Preseason Poll and based upon voting by all 12 head coaches Ohio and Toledo have been selected to win the East and West Divisions respectfully this upcoming 2019 season.

In the East Division, Ohio was the unanimous winner as the Bobcats gathered all first-place votes for a total of 72 total points. Second-place was separated by only one point as Buffalo finished second with 50 points, followed by Miami in third with 49 points. Kent State finished fourth followed by Akron and Bowling Green.

In the West Division, a margin of 10 points separated the top three programs in this extremely competitive division. Toledo was selected in first-place with 59 total points, followed by second-place Western Michigan with 56 points and third-place Northern Illinois with 49 points. Eastern Michigan finished fourth with 42 points followed by Ball State and Central Michigan.

**2019 MAC HEAD COACHES Football Preseason Poll****MAC East Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Ohio (12)	72
2. Buffalo	50
3. Miami	49
4. Kent State	37
5. Akron	25
6. Bowling Green	19

**MAC West Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Toledo (4)	59
2. Western Michigan (4)	56
3. Northern Illinois (2)	49
4. Eastern Michigan	42
5. Ball State (1)	26
6. Central Michigan (1)	20

**ESPN+ TO FEATURE MAC EVENTS IN 2019**

ESPN+ is the premium multi-sport, direct-to-consumer video service from The Walt Disney Company's Direct-to-Consumer and International (DTCI) segment in conjunction with ESPN. It offers fans thousands of additional live events, on-demand content and original programming not available on ESPN's linear TV or digital networks.

Fans subscribe to ESPN+ for just \$4.99 a month (or \$49.99 per year) through the ESPN App or ESPN.com. The ESPN App also provides fans separate access to all of ESPN's "TV Everywhere" streaming of its linear television networks (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN3, etc.) and ESPN3 – to fans with a pay TV subscription. ESPN+ and ESPN's authenticated streaming is also available on ESPN.com.

MAC fans who have any questions about the new ESPN App or ESPN+, may contact ESPN customer care:

- Online: support.espn.com
- Phone: 1-888-549-ESPN
- ESPN App: Live Chat Feature
- ESPN Customer Support Available: 9am-1am ET, 7 days a week

**MAC & CBS SPORTS SIGN CONTRACT EXTENSION**

The MAC announced July 23, 2019 a multi-year extension with CBS Sports to televise MAC football and basketball games through the 2022-23 season on CBS Sports Network. The deal, which is a four-year extension from the original deal signed in the 2015-16 season, continues through a sublicense agreement with ESPN.

CBS Sports Network will air a maximum of 12 football and 12 men's basketball games annually, along with televising the MAC Men's Basketball Tournament Semifinals and the MAC Women's Basketball Tournament Championship from Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse in Cleveland, Ohio.

CBS Sports Network, the 24-hour home of CBS Sports, is widely available through all major cable, satellite and telco distributors as well as via OTT streaming service providers YouTube TV, fuboTV, PlayStation Vue, DirecTV and Hulu. Additionally, a live CBS Sports Network stream is available through CBSSports.com and the CBS Sports App by authenticating with select providers.

**MAC PART OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA**

The 2019 college football season enters the sixth year of the current four-team playoff era with the College Football Playoff. The two College Football Playoff Semifinals will be played in bowl games this year (Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl; PlayStation Fiesta Bowl) on Dec. 28 and the College Football Playoff National Championship will be played in New Orleans (Mercedes-Benz Superdome) on Jan. 13.

The two Semifinals and four other New Year's Six games AllState Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1), Rose Bowl presented by Northwestern Mutual (Jan. 1), Capital One Orange Bowl (Dec. 30) and the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic (Dec. 28) highlight the annual bowl season calendar. The Semifinal games will rotate among these six different bowls. All MAC programs will join every FBS team in college football with equal access to the playoff based upon its performance. No team will qualify automatically.

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will choose four teams for the playoffs based on body of work, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, comparison of results against common opponents, championships won and other factors.

The highest ranked program by the Selection Committee from either the MAC, American Athletic, Conference USA, Mountain West or Sun Belt Conferences will play annually in one of the New Year's Six games.

**MAC Week One Quick Recaps:**

**Ohio 41, Rhode Island 20** -- Ohio senior quarterback Nathan Rourke threw for 188 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score as Ohio picked up a school-record 10th-straight home win, opening up the 2019 season with a 41-20 victory over Rhode Island at Peden Stadium. The Bobcats improved to 10-5 in season openers under 15th-year head coach Frank Solich. Ohio has won 15 of its last 16 games played at Peden Stadium.

Rourke led the way for the Ohio offense, completing 16-22 pass attempts and recording his 14th career outing with multiple touchdown passes. He also led the team with 75 yards on the ground via 10 attempts. Rourke improved to 18-7 as the starting quarterback at Ohio and has now been responsible for 80 career touchdowns, putting him three away from breaking the school record. Ohio scored on all seven of its drives with Rourke in the game and went a perfect 5-for-5 on red zone opportunities.

**Western Michigan 48, Monmouth 13** -- Western Michigan cruised past Monmouth, 48-13, in the 2019 season opener at Waldo Stadium behind a 368-yard, five-touchdown performance from senior quarterback Jon Wassink.

The five touchdowns for Wassink tied his career high, matching the five thrown at Miami on Sept. 29, 2018, and at Buffalo on Oct. 7, 2017. Wassink reached 300 yards passing for the third time in his career, and second consecutive season opener after throwing for 379 against Syracuse last year. Tight end Giovanni Ricci had five receptions for a career-high 97 yards and two touchdowns.

**Central Michigan 38, Albany 21** -- Central Michigan opened a 24-7 halftime lead and cruised to a 38-21 win over Albany at Kelly Shorts Stadium. Central Michigan quarterback Quinten Dormady threw for 285 yards and three touchdowns in his Central Michigan debut and the Chippewa offense rolled up 529 total yards.

The victory and the Chippewas' performance was important on several fronts, not the least of which is that it came on opening night as Central Michigan attempted to put a one-win 2018 season permanently in the rearview mirror in Jim McElwain's first game as the Chippewa coach. The start of the game was delayed for nearly two hours by lightning, but that did little to slow a Chippewa team eager to return to the field.

**Indiana 34, Ball State 24** -- Ball State found itself within a single possession late in both the third and fourth quarters, but Indiana answered both times on the way to a 34-24 victory in the Ruoff Kickoff Classic at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Ball State quarterback Drew Plitt threw for 298 yards and two touchdowns, engineering a pair of scoring drives in the second half of the season opener. Justin Hall led Ball State receivers with six catches, while Tyler Yo'Heinz finished with a team-high 71 receiving yards. Riley Miller caught five balls for 51 yards.

**Illinois 42, Akron 3** -- Akron opened the Tom Arth Era on the road against Big Ten Conference opponent Illinois at Memorial Stadium where the Fighting Illini posted a 42-3 win.

The new look Zips played 15 freshmen, while quarterback Kato Nelson led Akron's offense with 122 yards passing on a 10-of-24 effort. Nelson found wide receiver Nate Stewart five times for 79 yards, including a 28-yard strike. Freshman Michael Mathison was also a familiar target as he corralled three passes for 22 yards. Senior running back Deltron Sands gained 47 yards on 14 carries.

**Arizona State 30, Kent State 7** -- Kent State fell to Arizona State in their first trip out West since 1996. The Sun Devils secured a 30-7 victory on Thursday night inside Sun Devil Stadium.

Kent State's Qwuantrezz Knight posted a career-high 10 tackles, while Akeam Peters recorded a career-high eight tackles and a forced fumble. Theo Majette tied a career high with two sacks. The Golden Flashes started slow on offense, as the Sun Devils forced five first-half fumbles and held Kent State scoreless at the break.

**MAC Week One Quick Recaps:**

**Eastern Michigan 30, Coastal Carolina 23** -- Eastern Michigan overcame a slow first quarter to take down Coastal Carolina in exciting fashion, 30-23, at Brooks Stadium. After falling 10-0 in the first quarter, the Eagles stormed back to outscore the Chanticleers 30-13 the rest of the way.

The Eagles were led by quarterback Mike Glass III, who had an efficient 188 yards and three touchdowns on 20-of-22 passing from the pocket. Running back Shaq Vann led the way on the ground with his 108 yards, and Dylan Drummond led a balanced attack through the air with 52 yards and two scores. Senior Matthew Sexton had 48 yards on four catches. Defensively, Kobie Beltram and Terry Myrick finished with 12 and 11 tackles, respectively.

**NIU 24, Illinois State 10** -- A pair of fourth quarter touchdowns helped lead Northern Illinois to a 24-10 win over Illinois State in the season opener at Huskie Stadium. Senior quarterback Ross Bowers, a transfer from California, went 20-of-33 through the air for 299 yards and two touchdowns as head coach Thomas Hammock began his coaching career with a victory.

Making his Huskie debut, wide receiver Tyrice Richie made an impact with three receptions for 102 yards, including a 68-yard and 22-yard scoring strikes. NIU's Jalen McKie sealed the victory with 2:43 left in regulation when he intercepted a pass and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown for the 24-10 final.

**Kentucky 38, Toledo 24** -- Toledo gave Kentucky all it could handle in the first 30 minutes but the Wildcats rallied in the second half to defeat the Rockets, 38-24, in the season opener in Lexington. Toledo senior quarterback Mitchell Guadagni put the Rockets up 14-7 early in the second quarter with a 21-yard touchdown run. But Kentucky scored 24 second-half points to claim the victory.

Guadagni completed 7-of-12 passes for 122 yards before leaving the game due to injury late in the third quarter. He also tied sophomore Bryant Koback for the team lead with 73 rushing yards. Sophomore Saeed Holt led Toledo's defensive efforts with a career-high 10 tackles, while junior Tycen Anderson registered a career-best eight stops.

**No. 20 Iowa 38, Miami 14** -- Despite taking a lead in the second quarter and trailing by just three at the half, the Miami RedHawks fell away late to lose 38-14 to No. 20-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes in their season opener Saturday at Kinnick Stadium.

Miami's Brett Gabbert became the first true freshman to start a game at quarterback for Miami and launched a pair of touchdown passes in his debut. He completed 17-of-27 passes (63%) for a total of 186 yards along with the two touchdowns and an interception.

**Buffalo 38, Robert Morris 10** -- Buffalo used a steady dose of the run game to cruise to a 38-10 season-opening win over Robert Morris at UB Stadium. Of the Bulls 57 plays in the game, 47 were run plays that resulted in 285 yards on the ground.

Redshirt-freshman quarterback Matt Myers looked comfortable in his first career start. Myers finished 5-for-10 for 69 yards and two touchdowns and added 47 yards and another score on the ground. He became the first freshman to start at quarterback for the Bulls since 1991. Myers also tossed a pair of touchdown passes to tight end Zac Lefebvre, including a 40-yard touchdown and three-yard strike late in the first half.

**Bowling Green 46, Morgan State 3** -- The Scot Loeffler era began with a 46-3 win over Morgan State at Doyt L. Perry Stadium. The Falcons earned all the points they would need on the opening drive of the 2019 season, as Darius Wade led a 12-play, 76-yard drive that culminated in a two-yard Andrew Clair touchdown run.

Wade finished the game with 253 yards and three touchdown passes, while four different Falcons reached the end zone. Bowling Green's defense permitted just 24 yards passing and 70 yards overall, and it recorded its first safety in eight years.



**Ohio (1-0, 0-0; MAC) at Pitt (0-1, 0-1; ACC)**  
 Saturday, September 7, 2019 • 11:00 am ET • Pittsburgh, Pa. • Heinz Field (65,050)  
 ACC Network  
 Series: Pitt leads 5-1



Head Coach: Frank Solich  
 Career: 165-94 (20th year) at Ohio: 107-75 (15th year)  
 Contact: Mike Ashcraft, 740-593-1299, ashcraft@ohio.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: QB Nathan Rourke (10 att., 75 yards, 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (16-22 passing, 188 yds., 2 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Tyler Tupa (3 rec., 49 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Jared Dorsa (7 tackles)  
 Sacks: DB Jamal Hudson (5 tackles, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: DB Marlin Brooks (4 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Ohio beat Rhode Island 41-20 on Aug. 31...Bobcats will play Pitt for the first time since Sept. 9, 2005, when Ohio knocked off the Panthers in overtime, 16-10, at Peden Stadium in Athens...In the win over Rhode Island, Ohio scored on all seven of its drives with QB Nathan Rourke in the game and were 5-for-5 on red zone opportunities.



Head Coach: Pat Narduzzi  
 Career: 28-25 (5th year) at Pitt: 28-25 (5th year)  
 Contact: E.J. Borghetti, 412-648-8240, eborghetti@athletics.pitt.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB A.J. Davis (8 att., 25 rushing yds., 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Kenny Pickett (21-41 passing, 185 yards, 1 TD)  
 Rec.: WR Maurice Ffrench (6 rec., 54 yards)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DB Damar Hamlin (7 tackles)  
 Sacks: DL Deslin Alexandre (6 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: NA

Notes: Pitt lost 30-14 to Virginia on Aug. 31...Panthers are trying to avoid their first 0-2 start since 2012...Pitt is 31-4 all-time against programs from the MAC...QB Kenny Pickett finished with 21 completions on a career-high 41 attempts with 185 passing yards vs. Virginia...RB A.J. Davis made his first career start with eight carries for 25 yards.

**Bowling Green (1-0, 0-0; MAC) at Kansas State (1-0, 0-0; Big 12)**  
 Friday, September 7, 2019 • Noon ET • Manhattan, Kan. • Bill Snyder Family Stadium (51,000)  
 FOX Sports Net  
 Series: Kansas State leads 1-0



Head Coach: Scot Loeffler  
 Career: 1-0 (1st year) at Bowling Green: 1-0 (1st year)  
 Football Contact: Jason Knavel, 419-372-7075, jknavel@bgsu.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Andrew Clair (14 att., 86 rushing yds., 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Darius Wade (22-32 passing, 253 yards, 3 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Quinten Morris (5 rec., 65 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Brandon Perce (7 tackles)  
 Sacks: LB Kholbe Coleman (5 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: NA

Notes: Falcons beat Morgan State 46-3 on Aug. 29...Bowling Green featured a balanced attack that accumulated 620 total yards, 326 on the ground and 294 in the air...The 620 yards are the most by a Falcons' offense since earning 597 vs. Kent State in 2016...Bowling Green earned 37 first downs, including 20 passing and 16 rushing.



Head Coach: Chris Klieman  
 Career: 73-13 (7th year) at Kansas State: 1-0 (1st year)  
 Contact: Ryan Lackey, 785-532-7708, rlackey@kstatesports.com

Offense:  
 Rush: RB James Gilbert (18 att., 115 rushing yds., 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Skylar Thompson (16-22 passing, 212 yards, 1 TD)  
 Rec.: WR Dalton Schoen (3 rec., 65 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Da'Quan Patton (5 tackles)  
 Sacks: NA  
 Int.: DB AJ Parker (1 tackle, 1 INT)

Notes: Kansas State defeated Nicholls State 49-14 on Aug. 31... The 35-point victory by the Chris Klieman-led Wildcats was the biggest margin by a Kansas State head coach in their debut...Previous high was 31 points by Ward Haylett in a 37-6 win over Kansas Wesleyan in 1942...QB Skylar Thompson was 16-22 passing for 213 yards and one touchdown, and added 30 yards rushing and one score.

**Kennesaw State (1-0, 0-0; Big South) at Kent State (0-1, 0-0; MAC)**  
 Saturday, September 7, 2019 • Noon ET • Kent, Ohio • Dix Stadium (25,319)  
 ESPN3  
 Series: First Meeting



Head Coach: Brian Bohannon  
 Career: 38-12 (5th year) at Kennesaw State: 38-12 (5th year)  
 Contact: David Beall, 470-578-7872, jbeall2@kennesaw.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Antavious Grier (5 att., 56 rushing yds; 0 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Daniel David (4-5 passing, 114 yards, 2 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Ryan Pontrelli (2 rec., 64 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Kareem Taylor (5 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Sacks: DL Jeremy Dees (1 tackle, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: DB Marke Montgomery (3 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Kennesaw State defeated Point University 59-0 on Aug. 31... The shutout was the sixth in program history...The 59-point advantage was the largest margin of victory in program history...The Owls have now rushed for at least one touchdown in 39-straight games...Defense allowed only 129 yards of total offense.




Head Coach: Sean Lewis  
 Career: 2-11 (2nd year) at Kent State: 2-11 (2nd year)  
 Contact: Daniel Griffin, 330-672-3084, dgriff34@kent.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Jo-El Shaw (16 att., 67 rushing yds; 0 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Woody Barrett (9-16 passing, 83 yards, 1 TD)  
 Rec.: RB Isaiah McKoy (2 rec., 26 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DB Qwuantrezz Knight (10 tackles, 1.0 tfl)  
 Sacks: DL Theo Majette (3 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
 Int.: NA

Notes: Kent State lost 30-7 at Arizona State on Aug. 29...DB Qwuantrezz Knight posted a career-high 10 tackles, while DL Theo Majette tied a career-high with two sacks...QB Woody Barrett started and was 9-16 passing for 83 yards...Kent State's scoring connection came on a 21-yard touchdown pass from Barrett to WR Isaiah McKoy.


**Northern Illinois (1-0, 0-0; MAC) at No. 13 Utah (1-0, 0-0; Pac-12)**  
 Saturday, September 7, 2019 • 1:00 pm ET/Noon CT • Salt Lake City, Utah • Rice-Eccles Stadium (45,634)  
 Pac-12 Network  
 Series: Utah leads 1-0

 Head Coach: Thomas Hammock  
 Career: 1-0 (1st year) at NIU: 1-0 (1st year)  
 Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Tre Harbison (23 att., 99 yards., 0 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Ross Bowers (20-33 passing, 299 yds., 2 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Tyrice Ritchie (3 rec., 102 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Kyle Pugh (5 tackles, 1.5 tfl)  
 Sacks: DL Quintin Wynne (2 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: DB Jalen McKie (4 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1 INT)

Notes: NIU defeated Illinois State 24-10 on Aug. 31...Head Coach Thomas Hammock earned his first career win in his debut as a head coach and is the first to win his debut since Dave Doeren in 2011 (over Army)...WR Tyrice Ritchie went over the 100-yard mark with three catches for 102 yards receiving and two touchdowns in his debut.


 Head Coach: Kyle Whittingham  
 Career: 121-61 (16th year) at Utah: 121-61 (15th year)  
 Contact: Paul Kirk, 801-581-3510, pkirk@huntsman.utah.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Zack Moss (29 att., 187 yards., 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Tyler Huntley (13-16 passing, 106 yds., 0 TDs)  
 Rec.: TE Brant Kuithe (3 rec., 37 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Devin Lloyd (5 tackles)  
 Sacks: DE Mika Tafua (4 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: DB Julian Blackmon (5 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Utah beat BYU 30-12 on Aug. 29...Utah raised its record to 24-1 in regular-season non-conference games since joining the Pac-12...Defense held BYU to 92 yards rushing...Utah returned two interceptions for touchdowns for the first time since 2015 Las Vegas Bowl...RB Zack Moss rushed for 187 yards and one touchdown.


**UAB (1-0, 0-0; C-USA) at Akron (0-1, 0-0; MAC)**  
 Saturday, September 7, 2019 • Noon ET • Akron, Ohio • InfoCision Stadium - Summa Field (27,881)  
 CBS Sports Network  
 Series: First Meeting

 Head Coach: Bill Clark  
 Career: 37-18 (5th year) at UAB: 26-14 (4th year)  
 Contact: Ted Feeley, 205-934-0730, tfeeley@uab.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Spencer Brown (23 att., 77 rushing yds., 0 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Tyler Johnston III (8-19 passing, 114 yards, 1 TD)  
 Rec.: WR Austin Watkins (2 rec., 51 yds., 0 TD)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DL Garrett Marino (9 tackles, 1.0 tfl)  
 Sacks: S Jarrion Street (8 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: S Will Boler (4 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: UAB defeated Alabama State 24-19 on Aug. 29...KR Myron Mitchell totaled 166 all-purpose yards and one touchdown, 138 of which came on kickoffs with 24 coming on punt returns...QB Tyler Johnston III rushed for 64 yards, just seven yards shy of his career high set in last year's season opener against Savannah State.


 Head Coach: Tom Arth  
 Career: 49-22 (7th year) at Akron: 0-1 (1st year)  
 Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cbongiovi@akron.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Deltron Sands (14 att., 47 rushing yds., 0 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Kato Nelson (10-24 passing, 122 yards, 0 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Nate Stewart (5 rec., 79 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB John Lako (8 tackles)  
 Sacks: LB Bubba Arslanian (11 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: NA

Notes: Akron lost 42-3 at Illinois on Aug. 31...QB Kato Nelson was 10-24 passing for 122 yards...RB Deltron Sands had a career-high 14 carries for 47 yards...WR Nate Stewart finished with five receptions for 79 yards, both career highs...Akron played 15 freshmen in the contest, including 11 true freshmen.

**Fordham (0-1, 0-0; Patriot) at Ball State (0-1, 0-0; MAC)**  
 Saturday, September 7, 2019 • 2:00 pm ET • Muncie, Ind. • Scheumann Stadium (22,500)  
 ESPN3  
 Series: First Meeting

 Head Coach: Joe Conlin  
 Career: 2-10 (2nd year) at Fordham: 2-10 (2nd year)  
 Football Contact: Joe DiBari, 718-817-4240, dibari@fordham.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Zach Davis (19 att., 109 yards rushing, 0 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Tim DeMorat (17-27 passing, 194 yds., 3 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Hamze El-Zayat (8 rec., 70 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DB James Biggs-Frazier (11 tackles)  
 Sacks: DB Jesse Bramble (7 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
 Int.: NA

Notes: Fordham lost to Central Connecticut State 26-23 on Aug. 31...RB Zach Davis rushed for 109 yards, his second career 100-yard rushing game...DB James Biggs-Frazier had a career-high 11 tackles...QB Tim DeMorat threw for three touchdowns and 194 yards passing...Defense allowed only 117 yards of offense in the second half.

 Head Coach: Mike Neu  
 Career: 10-27 (4th year) at Ball State: 10-27 (4th year)  
 Contact: Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Caleb Huntley (22 att., 81 yards rushing, 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Drew Plitt (26-41 passing, 298 yds., 2 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Riley Miller (5 rec., 51 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DB Ray Wilborn (9 tackles)  
 Sacks: NA  
 Int.: DB Antonio Phillips (8 tackles, 1 INT)


Notes: Ball State lost to Indiana 34-24 on Aug. 31...QB Drew Plitt threw for 298 yards and two touchdowns...WR Yo'Heinz Tyler led the team in receiving yards (71) for the second time in his career and posted his first touchdown catch (36 yards) since the 2018 season opener...RB Walter Fletcher tallied his first touchdown as a Cardinal on a 45-yard pass from QB Drew Plitt in the third quarter.

**Tennessee Tech (1-0, 0-0; Ohio Valley) at Miami (0-1, 0-0; MAC)**

Saturday, September 7, 2019 • 2:30 pm ET • Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (24,286)

ESPN+

Series: Miami leads 1-0



Head Coach: Dewayne Alexander  
 Career: 43-43 (9th year) at Tennessee Tech: 2-10 (2nd year)  
 Contact: Thomas Corhern, 931-372-6139, tcorhern@nttech.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: QB Bailey Fisher (13 att., 48 yds., 3 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Bailey Fisher (31-44 passing, 415 yards, 2 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Austin Hicks (5 rec., 118 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Aderick Moore (10 tackles)  
 Sacks: DL Henry Karimu (5 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: NA

Notes: Tennessee Tech rallied from a 23-point deficit to beat Samford in 2 OT, 59-58, on Aug. 31...Golden Eagles scored 16 points in a 99-second span to force overtime, then a gutsy two-point conversion in the second overtime gave Tennessee Tech a 59-58 victory...QB Bailey Fisher threw for 415 yards and two touchdowns on 31-44 passing.



Head Coach: Chuck Martin  
 Career: 96-47 (12th year) at Miami: 22-40 (6th year)  
 Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Davion Johnson (6 att., 22 yds., 0 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Brett Gabbert (17-27 passing, 186 yards, 2 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Jack Sorenson (5 rec., 44 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DB Sterling Weatherford (10 tackles)  
 Sacks: DL Doug Costin (2 tackles, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: NA

Notes: Miami lost 38-14 at No. 20-ranked Iowa on Aug. 31...Brett Gabbert became the first true freshman to start a game at quarterback for Miami and launched a pair of touchdown passes in his debut...Gabbert completed 17-of-27 passes (63%) for 186 yards along with the two TDs and an interception.

**Central Michigan (1-0, 0-0; MAC) at No. 17 Wisconsin (1-0, 0-0; Big Ten)**

Saturday, September 7, 2019 • 3:30 pm ET • Madison, Wis. • Camp Randall Stadium (80,321)

Big Ten Network

Series: First Meeting



Head Coach: Jim McElwain  
 Career: 45-28 (7th year) at Central Michigan: 1-0 (1st year)  
 Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-3041, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Jonathan Ward (22 att., 158 rushing yds., 2 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Quinten Dormady (27-37 passing, 285 yards, 3 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Tyrone Scott (5 rec., 93 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DB Devonni Reed (5 tackles)  
 Sacks: NA  
 Int.: NA

Notes: Chippewas defeated Albany 38-21 on Aug. 29...Defense held Albany to 244 yards of total offense...Central Michigan posted 529 yards of total offense...QB Quinten Dormady was 27-37 passing for 285 yards and three touchdowns...RB Jonathan Ward rushed for 158 yards and two touchdowns...DB Devonni Reed led with five tackles.



Head Coach: Paul Chryst  
 Career: 62-31 (8th year) at Wisconsin: 43-12 (5th year)  
 Contact: Brian Lucas, 608-513-3987, bml@athletics.wisc.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Jonathan Taylor (16 att., 135 yards, 2 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Jack Coan (19-26 passing, 201 yds., 2 TDs)  
 Rec.: RB Jonathan Taylor (2 rec., 48 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Mike Maskalunas (6 tackles)  
 Sacks: LB Zack Baun (3 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: S Eric Burrell (1 tackle, 1 INT)


Notes: Wisconsin defeated South Florida 49-0 on Aug. 30...RB Jonathan Taylor accounted for 4 total touchdowns, rushed for 135 yards on 16 carries and caught 2 passes for 48 receiving yards...Taylor topped the 100-yard rushing mark for the 23rd time in his career...Defense limited South Florida to just 157 total yards, the lowest total since 2017.

**Eastern Michigan (1-0, 0-0; MAC) at Kentucky (1-0, 0-0; SEC)**

Saturday, September 7, 2019 • 7:30 pm ET • Lexington, Ky. • Kroger Field (67,606)

SEC Network Alternate

Series: Kentucky leads 1-0




Head Coach: Chris Creighton  
 Career: 162-86 (23rd year) at Eastern Michigan: 24-40 (6th year)  
 Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Shaq Vann (22 att., 84 yds., 0 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Mike Glass III (20-22 passing, 1,88 yards, 3 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Dylan Drummond (5 rec., 52 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Kobie Beltram (12 tackles)  
 Sacks: DL Turan Rush (3 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: DB Kevin McGill (4 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Eastern Michigan defeated Coastal Carolina 30-23 on Aug. 31...QB Mike Glass III was 20-22 passing for 188 yards and three touchdowns...Glass set the program single-season completion percentage record with 90.9% completion...Win was the first win over a Sun Belt opponent since 2005 in a 31-10 win over Louisiana-Lafayette.



Head Coach: Mark Stoops  
 Career: 37-39 (7th year) at Kentucky: 37-39 (7th year)  
 Football Contact: Susan Lax, 859-257-3838, slax0@email.uky.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Kavosiey Smoke (7 att., 78 yds., 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Terry Wilson (19-26 passing, 246 yards, 2 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Lynn Bowden (6 rec., 77 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB DeAndre Square (11 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 0.5 sack, 1 INT)  
 Sacks: DL Joshua Paschal (4 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: LB DeAndre Square (11 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 0.5 sack, 1 INT)

Notes: Kentucky defeated Toledo 38-24 on Aug. 31...After being tied 14-14 at halftime, Kentucky outscored Toledo 24-10 in the second half...Kentucky posted 422 yards of total offense with 246 yards passing and 176 yards rushing...Defense allowed 347 yards of total offense...Defense has allowed 24 points or less in 14 of its last 15 games.

**Buffalo (1-0, 0-0; MAC) at No. 15 Penn State (1-0, 0-0; Big Ten)**  
 Saturday, September 7, 2019 • 7:30 pm ET • University Park, Pa. • Beaver Stadium (107,282)  
 FOX  
 Series: Penn State leads 2-1



Head Coach: Lance Leipold  
 Career: 133-33 (13th year) at Buffalo: 24-27 (5th year)  
 Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Jaret Patterson (12 att., 90 yds., 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Matt Myers (5-10 passing, 69 yards, 2 TDs)  
 Rec.: TE Zac Lefebvre (2 rec., 43 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB James Patterson (5 tackles, 1.5 tfl)  
 Sacks: DE Malcolm Koonce (3 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: NA

Notes: Buffalo defeated Robert Morris 38-10 on Aug. 29...QB Matt Myers made his first career start with 5-10 passing for 69 yards and two touchdowns, with 47 yards rushing and another score...Became the first freshman quarterback to start for the Bulls since 1991...Buffalo rushed for 285 yards as a team in the victory.



Head Coach: James Franklin  
 Career: 70-36 (9th year) at Penn State: 46-21 (6th year)  
 Football Contact: Kris Petersen, 814-865-2497, kap18@psu.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Devyn Ford (6 att., 107 yards., 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Sean Clifford (14-23 passing, 280 yds., 2 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR KJ Hamlin (4 rec., 115 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: S Lamont Wade (4 tackles)  
 Sacks: DE Yetur Gross-Matos (3 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 2.5 sacks)  
 Int.: DB John Reid (2 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Penn State defeated Idaho 79-7 on Aug. 31...Penn State's 79 points marked the most the Nittany Lions have scored in a game since scoring 81 in an 81-0 win over Cincinnati in the 1991 home opener...The 79 points are the second-most since 1921 and are tied for the sixth-most in program history.

**Western Michigan (1-0, 0-0; MAC) at No. 19 Michigan State (1-0, 0-0; Big Ten)**  
 Saturday, September 7, 2019 • 7:30 pm ET • East Lansing, Mich. • Spartan Stadium (72,027)  
 Big Ten Network  
 Series: Michigan State leads 13-2



Head Coach: Tim Lester  
 Career: 54-35 (9th year) at Western Michigan: 14-12 (3rd year)  
 Contact: Sarah Fetters, 269-387-4123, sarah.fetters@wmich.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB LeVante Bellamy (18 att., 53 yards, 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Jon Wassink (20-25 passing, 368 yards, 5 TDs)  
 Rec.: TE Giovanni Ricci (5 rec., 97 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DB D'Wayne Eskridge (8 tackles)  
 Sacks: DL Antonio Balabani (3 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: NA

Notes: Western Michigan beat Monmouth 48-13 on Aug. 31...QB Jon Wassink led with 368 yards passing and five touchdowns...Wassink tied a career-high with his five touchdown passes, as he topped the 300-yards passing plateau for the third time in his career...TE Giovanni Ricci had five receptions for 97 yards and two touchdowns.



Head Coach: Mark Dantonio  
 Career: 126-68 (16th year) at Michigan State: 108-51 (13th year)  
 Contact: Ben Phlegar, 517-355-2271, phlegarb@ath.msu.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Connor Heyward (15 att., 43 yards, 0 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Brian Lewerke (21-37 passing, 192 yards, 1 TD)  
 Rec.: WR Darrell Stewart (6 rec., 56 yards, 0 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DE Kenny Willekes (7 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 1.5 sacks)  
 Sacks: DB Shakur Brown (3 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
 Int.: LB Antjuan Simmons (6 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Michigan State defeated Tulsa 28-7 on Aug. 30...Michigan State held Tulsa to -73 yards rushing, a school-record low for a Spartan opponent (previous: -63 yards by Pitt in 1950)...Spartans held Tulsa to eight total first downs (7 passing, 1 penalty) and 80 yards of total offense...Spartans recorded six sacks, 13 tackles for loss and three fumbles.

**Bye: Toledo (0-1, 0-0; MAC)**

Next Game: Saturday, Sept. 14 vs. Murray State at 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)



Head Coach: Jason Candle  
 Career: 28-14 (4th year) at Toledo: 28-14 (4th year)  
 Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Bryant Koback (15 att., 73 yds., 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Mitchell Guadagni (7-12 passing, 122 yards, 0 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Bryce Mitchell (3 rec., 59 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DB Saeed Holt (10 tackles, 1.0 tfl)  
 Sacks: DE Terrance Taylor (3 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: NA

Notes: Rockets lost 38-24 at Kentucky on Aug. 31...QB Mitchell Guadagni completed 7-of-12 passes for 122 yards and one rushing touchdown...Guadagni tied for the team lead in rushing with 73 yards, the fifth time in his career he has tied for the team or led the Rockets in rushing.



### 2019 Akron Zips (0-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at Illinois	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	L, 3-42
Sat., Sept. 7	UAB	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	First Meeting
Sat., Sept. 14	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	CMU leads 16-10-1
Sat., Sept. 21	Troy	TBA	TBA	Troy leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 28	at UMass	TBA	TBA	Akron leads 3-1
Sat., Oct. 12	*Kent State	3:30 pm ET	TBA	Akron leads 35-24-2
Sat., Oct. 19	*Buffalo	TBA	TBA	Buffalo leads 11-7
Sat., Oct. 26	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	TBA	NIU leads 10-5
Sat., Nov. 2	*at Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 17-8
Tue., Nov. 12	*Eastern Michigan	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Akron leads 19-13
Wed., Nov. 20	*at Miami	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 18-9-1
Tue., Nov. 26	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN+	Ohio leads 21-13-1

\*Mid-American Conference game



### 2019 Ball State Cardinals (0-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Indiana (at Lucas Oil Stadium)	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-34
Sat., Sept. 7	Fordham	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	First Meeting
Sat., Sept. 14	Florida Atlantic	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	BSU leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 21	at North Carolina State	TBA	TBA	First Meeting
Sat., Oct. 5	*at NIU	TBA	TBA	NIU leads 24-20-2
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	TBA	BSU leads 34-24-1
Sat., Oct. 19	*Toledo	2:00 pm ET	TBA	Toledo leads 24-19-1
Sat., Oct. 26	*Ohio	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 15-10
Tue., Nov. 5	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS	WMU leads 25-20
Sat., Nov. 16	*Central Michigan	TBA	CBS Sports Network	Series tied 25-25-1
Sat., Nov. 23	*at Kent State	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 21-7
Fri., Nov. 29	*Miami	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 19-12-1

\*Mid-American Conference game



### 2019 Bowling Green Falcons (1-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Morgan State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 46-3
Sat., Sept. 7	at Kansas State	Noon ET	Fox Sports Net	Kansas State leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 14	Louisiana Tech	5:00 pm ET	ESPN+	La Tech leads 2-0
Sat., Sept. 21	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	TBA	BGSU leads 60-20-6
Sat., Oct. 5	at Notre Dame	3:30 pm ET	NBC	First Meeting
Sat., Oct. 12	*Toledo	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 40-39-4
Sat., Oct. 19	*Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 22-19
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	TBA	BGSU leads 32-19-3
Sat., Nov. 2	*Akron	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 17-8
Wed., Nov. 13	*at Miami	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 44-24-5
Tue., Nov. 19	*Ohio	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 40-28-2
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Buffalo	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 11-5

\*Mid-American Conference game



### 2019 Buffalo Bulls (1-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Robert Morris	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 38-10
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 15 Penn State	7:30 pm ET	FOX	Penn State leads 2-1
Sat., Sept. 14	at Liberty	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	Liberty leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 21	Temple	TBA	TBA	Buffalo leads 13-4
Sat., Sept. 28	*at Miami	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 14-7
Sat., Oct. 5	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET	TBA	Ohio leads 15-10
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Akron	TBA	TBA	Akron leads 11-7
Sat., Oct. 26	*Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 7-2
Sat., Nov. 2	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	EMU leads 6-2
Thur., Nov. 14	*at Kent State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	Buffalo leads 13-11
Wed., Nov. 20	*Toledo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 7-3
Fri., Nov. 29	*Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 11-5

\*Mid-American Conference game



### 2019 Central Michigan Chippewas (1-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Albany	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-21
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 17 Wisconsin	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	First Meeting
Sat., Sept. 14	*Akron	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	CMU leads 16-10-1
Sat., Sept. 21	at Miami (Fla.)	TBA	TBA	First Meeting
Sat., Sept. 28	*at Western Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 49-39-2
Sat., Oct. 5	*Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 60-30-6
Sat., Oct. 12	New Mexico State	3:00 pm ET	TBA	First Meeting
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 23-18
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Buffalo	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 7-2
Sat., Nov. 2	*NIU	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 29-24-1
Sat., Nov. 16	*at Ball State	TBA	CBS Sports Network	Series tied 25-25-1
Fri., Nov. 29	*Toledo	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 26-18-3

\*Mid-American Conference game



### 2019 Eastern Michigan Eagles (1-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at Coastal Carolina	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 30-23
Sat., Sept. 7	at Kentucky	7:30 pm ET	SEC Network Alt.	Kentucky leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 14	at Illinois	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	First Meeting
Sat., Sept. 21	Central Connecticut State	3:00 pm ET	TBA	First Meeting
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 60-30-6
Sat., Oct. 12	*Ball State	2:00 pm ET	TBA	BSU leads 34-24-2
Sat., Oct. 19	*Western Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 34-18-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Toledo	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 34-12
Sat., Nov. 2	*Buffalo	TBA	TBA	EMU leads 6-2
Tue., Nov. 12	*at Akron	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Akron leads 19-13
Tue., Nov. 19	*at NIU	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	NIU leads 33-14-2
Fri., Nov. 29	*Kent State	TBA	TBA	Kent State leads 17-14

\*Mid-American Conference game



### 2019 Kent State Golden Flashes (0-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	at Arizona State	10:00 pm ET	Pac-12 Network	L, 7-30
Sat., Sept. 7	Kennesaw State	Noon ET	ESPN3	First Meeting
Sat., Sept. 14	at Auburn	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2 or ESPNU	First Meeting
Sat., Sept. 21	*Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	TBA	BGSU leads 60-20-6
Sat., Oct. 5	at Wisconsin	TBA	ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPNU	First Meeting
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	TBA	Akron leads 35-24-2
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Ohio	TBA	TBA	Ohio leads 44-25-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*Miami	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 49-17
Tue., Nov. 5	*at Toledo	7:00 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/CBS Sports Network	Toledo leads 26-21
Thur., Nov. 14	*Buffalo	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	Buffalo leads 13-11
Sat., Nov. 23	*Ball State	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 21-7
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	KSU leads 17-14
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Miami RedHawks (0-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at No. 20 Iowa	7:30 pm ET	FS1	L, 14-38
Sat., Sept. 7	Tennessee Tech	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	Miami leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 14	at Cincinnati	Noon ET	ESPN	Miami leads 59-57-7
Sat., Sept. 21	at Ohio State	TBA	TBA	Ohio State leads 5-0
Sat., Sept. 28	*Buffalo	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 14-7
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Western Michigan	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 37-22-1
Sat., Oct. 19	*NIU	2:30 pm ET	TBA	Series tied 9-9
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Kent State	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 49-17
Wed., Nov. 6	*at Ohio	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	Miami leads 53-40-2
Wed., Nov. 13	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 44-24-5
Wed., Nov. 20	*Akron	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 18-9-1
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Ball State	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 19-11-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Northern Illinois Huskies (1-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Illinois State	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 24-10
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 13 Utah	1:00 pm ET/Noon CT	Pac-12 Networks	Utah leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 14	at Nebraska	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	FS1	Nebraska leads 2-1
Sat., Sept. 28	at Vanderbilt	TBA	TBA	Vanderbilt leads 3-0
Sat., Oct. 5	*Ball State	TBA	TBA	NIU leads 24-20-2
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Ohio	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	TBA	NIU leads 12-10
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET/1:30 pm CT	TBA	Series tied 9-9
Sat., Oct. 26	*Akron	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm ET	TBA	NIU leads 10-5
Sat., Nov. 2	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 29-24-1
Wed., Nov. 13	*at Toledo	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 31-15
Tue., Nov. 19	*Eastern Michigan	7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT	ESPN2/ESPNU	NIU leads 33-14-2
Tue., Nov. 26	*Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPNU/ESPN+	WMU leads 25-19
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Ohio Bobcats (1-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Rhode Island	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 41-20
Sat., Sept. 7	at Pitt	11:00 am ET	ACC Network	Pitt leads 5-2
Sat., Sept. 14	at Marshall	6:30 pm ET	Facebook	Ohio leads 33-20-6
Sat., Sept. 21	Louisiana-Lafayette	TBA	TBA	Ohio leads 2-0
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	TBA	Ohio leads 14-11
Sat., Oct. 12	*NIU	3:30 pm ET	TBA	NIU leads 12-10
Sat., Oct. 19	*Kent State	TBA	TBA	Ohio leads 44-25-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Ball State	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 15-10
Wed., Nov. 6	*Miami	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	Miami leads 53-40-2
Tue., Nov. 12	*Western Michigan	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	WMU leads 33-29-1
Tue., Nov. 19	*at Bowling Green	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 40-28
Tue., Nov. 26	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN+	Ohio leads 20-14-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Toledo Rockets (0-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at Kentucky	Noon ET	SEC Network	L, 24-38
Sat., Sept. 14	Murray State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	First Meeting
Sat., Sept. 21	at Colorado State	TBA	ESPN Networks	Series tied 1-1
Sat., Sept. 28	BYU	TBA	TBA	BYU leads 1-0
Sat., Oct. 5	*Western Michigan	3:30 pm ET	TBA	Toledo leads 42-30
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 40-39-4
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	TBA	Toledo leads 24-19-1
Sat., Oct. 26	*Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 34-12
Tue., Nov. 5	*Kent State	7:00 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/CBS Sports Network	Toledo leads 26-21
Wed., Nov. 13	*NIU	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 31-15
Wed., Nov. 20	*at Buffalo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 7-4
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 26-18-3
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Western Michigan Broncos (1-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Monmouth	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 48-13
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 19 Michigan State	7:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	Michigan St. leads 13-2
Sat., Sept. 14	Georgia State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	WMU leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 21	at Syracuse	TBA	TBA	Syracuse leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 28	*Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 49-38-2
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Toledo	3:30 pm ET	TBA	Toledo leads 44-30
Sat., Oct. 12	*Miami	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 37-22-1
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 34-17-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*Bowling Green	Noon ET	TBA	BGSU leads 32-19-3
Tue., Nov. 5	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/CBS Sports Network	WMU leads 25-20
Tue., Nov. 12	*at Ohio	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	WMU leads 33-29-1
Tue., Nov. 26	*at NIU	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN+	WMU leads 25-18
*Mid-American Conference game				

## 2019 Non-Conference Opponents

### ACC (4)

Miami (Central Michigan)  
North Carolina State (Ball State)  
Pitt (Ohio)  
Syracuse (Western Michigan)

### American Athletic (2)

Cincinnati (Miami)  
Temple (Buffalo)

### Big Ten (10): (0-3)

Illinois (2) (Akron, Eastern Michigan): (0-1) (L, 3-42)  
Indiana (Ball State): (0-1) (L, 24-34)  
Iowa (Miami): (0-1) (L, 14-38)  
Michigan State (Western Michigan)  
Nebraska (NIU)  
Ohio State (Miami)  
Penn State (Buffalo)  
Wisconsin (2) (Central Michigan, Kent State)

### Big 12 (1)

Kansas State (Bowling Green)

### Conference USA (4)

Florida Atlantic (Ball State)  
La. Tech (Bowling Green)  
Marshall (Ohio)  
UAB (Akron)

### Mountain West (1)

Colorado State (Toledo)

### Pac 12 (2): (0-1)

Arizona State (Kent State): (0-1) (L, 7-30)  
Utah (NIU)

### SEC (4): (0-1)

Auburn (Kent State)  
Kentucky (2) (Eastern Michigan, Toledo): (0-1) (L, 24-38)  
Vanderbilt (NIU)

### Sun Belt (4): (1-0)

Coastal Carolina (Eastern Michigan): (1-0) (W, 30-23)  
Georgia State (Western Michigan)  
Louisiana-Lafayette (Ohio)  
Troy (Akron)

### Independent (5)

BYU (Toledo)  
Notre Dame (Bowling Green)  
UMass (Akron)  
Liberty (Buffalo)  
New Mexico State (Central Michigan)

### FCS Opponents (I-AA)

### Big South (2): (1-0)

Kennesaw State (Kent State)  
Monmouth (Western Michigan): (1-0) (W, 48-13)

### Colonial Athletic (2): (2-0)

Albany (Central Michigan): (1-0) (W, 38-21)  
Rhode Island (Ohio): (1-0) (W, 41-20)

### MEAC (1): (1-0)

Morgan State (Bowling Green): (1-0) (W, 46-3)

### Missouri Valley (1): (1-0)

Illinois State (NIU): (1-0) (W, 24-10)

### Northeast (1): (1-0)

Central Connecticut St. (Eastern Michigan)  
Robert Morris (Buffalo): (1-0) (W, 38-10)

### Ohio Valley (2)

Murray State (Toledo)  
Tennessee Tech (Miami)

### Patriot (1)

Fordham (Ball State)

## MAC Students on 2019 Preseason Watch Lists

### **WALTER CAMP AWARD (Best College Football Player)**

QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

### **MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player)**

RB LeVante Bellamy (Western Michigan)  
RB Jaret Patterson (Buffalo)  
QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

### **CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)**

DT Doug Costin (Miami)  
LB Antonio Jones-Davis (Northern Illinois)  
DB Kevin McGill (Eastern Michigan)

### **BILETNIKOFF AWARD (Top Wide Receiver)**

D'Wayne Eskridge (Western Michigan)  
Riley Miller (Ball State)

### **BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)**

S Javon Hagan (Ohio)  
LB Antonio Jones-Davis (Northern Illinois)  
DB Kevin McGill (Eastern Michigan)

### **EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD (Top Offensive Player)**

WR Quintin Morris (Bowling Green)

### **LOU GROZA AWARD (Outstanding Kicker)**

JRyan Tice (Central Michigan)  
Louie Zervos (Ohio)

### **TED HENDRICKS AWARD (Top Defensive End)**

Ali Fayad (Western Michigan)  
Jamal Hines (Toledo)

### **PAUL HORNUNG AWARD (Most Versatile Player)**

KR/DB Jamal Parker (Kent State)  
RB LeVante Bellamy (Western Michigan)

### **MANNING AWARD (Best Quarterback)**

Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

### **JOHN MACKEY AWARD (Best Tight End)**

Andrew Homer (Miami)  
Thomas Odukoya (Eastern Michigan)  
Giovanni Ricci (Western Michigan)

### **DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD (Top Quarterback)**

QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

### **OUTLAND AWARD (Top Interior Lineman)**

DT Doug Costin (Miami)  
C Bryce Harris (Toledo)  
C Luke Juriga (Western Michigan)

### **RIMINGTON TROPHY (Most Outstanding Center)**

Andrew Poenitsch (Ball State); Jack Kramer (Bowling Green);  
Steve Eipper (Central Michigan); Nate Warnock (Kent State);  
Danny Godlevske (Miami); Steven Hayes (Ohio); Bryce Harris (Toledo);  
Luke Juriga (Western Michigan)

### **JIM THORPE AWARD (Best Defensive Back)**

Alvin Davis (Akron)  
Vince Calhoun (Eastern Michigan)  
Kevin McGill (Eastern Michigan)  
Javon Hagan (Ohio)  
Jamal Hudson (Ohio)

### **JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD (Top Quarterback)**

Woody Barrett (Kent State)  
Marcus Childers (Northern Illinois)  
Mitchell Guadagni (Toledo)  
Kato Nelson (Akron)  
Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

### **DOAK WALKER AWARD (Top Running Back)**

LeVante Bellamy (Western Michigan)  
Andrew Clair (Bowling Green)  
Bryant Koback (Toledo)  
Tre Harbison (Northern Illinois)  
Jaret Patterson (Buffalo)  
Breck Turner (Eastern Michigan)

### **WUERFFEL TROPHY (Best Community Service)**

LS Gabe Skrobot (Bowling Green)  
LB Matt Otwinowski (Buffalo)  
DB Brody Hoying (Eastern Michigan)  
LB Matt Bahr (Kent State)  
WR Jack Sorenson (Miami)  
C Bryce Harris (Toledo)  
QB Jon Wassink (Western Michigan)